

7TH NOVEMBER 2025

BOWDON



BULLETIN



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WELCOME BACK!

Mrs. Makepeace-Taylor welcomes you back at the start of this half term.

**GRIT, GOALS &
GREAT PLAY**

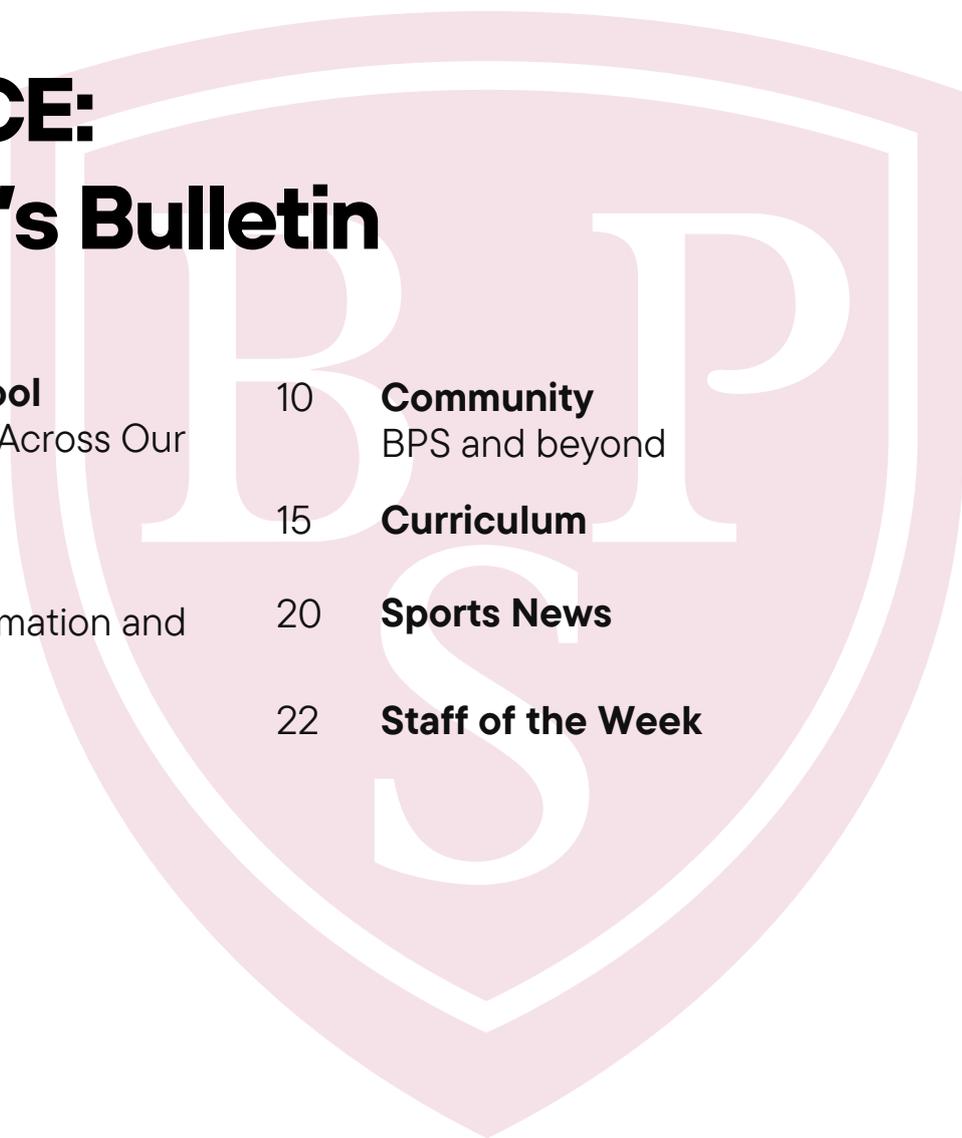
Bowdon Netballers Impress

COMMUNICATION. CURRICULUM. CARE.



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A Sparkling Start to the half term!

"You can be who you want to be at BPS."

A warm welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you had a restful break and that you and your daughters are looking forward to this extra special time in school - full of learning, celebration, and reflection, as we approach the end of 2025.

We have a fantastic calendar of events this half term, including: museum trips, recognising initiatives such as Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Day, trips to the theatre, and of course, our much-loved Christmas performances and our Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, Bowdon. To stay up to date with school notices, please make sure you're signed up to the Reach More Parents Bowdon Prep app; it is the best way to receive timely updates. The Bowdon Bulletin and Website calendar are also excellent sources of information.

This week, we welcomed ISI Inspectors to BPS. As expected, your daughters - our pupils - responded in their usual, wonderful way, full of energy, positivity, and warmth. Their welcoming spirit truly reflected the heart of our school, showing the inspection team everything that makes BPS so special. We are incredibly proud of our whole school community, and we look forward to sharing their findings with you, as soon as we are able to (6-8 weeks).

One snippet which I'm able to share, and which made my heart sing, was a comment that one of our pupils made to the Lead Inspector. Our pupil told him, "You can be who you want to be at BPS." This means everything to us.

Indeed, our thought for the week has been, "Don't let anyone dull your sparkle". We continue to encourage all our children to be proud of who they are, to shine brightly, and



to support one another with kindness and positivity, and they have certainly achieved that this week!

As part of our commitment to being a happy, healthy, and safe school, children have been learning about firework safety and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home, to help your daughters enjoy the celebrations responsibly.



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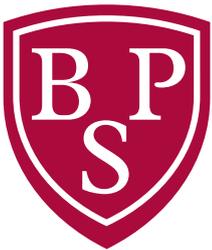


Our lessons this week have also included learning about Remembrance Day, helping children understand the importance of honouring those who have served and sacrificed. We will be marking this occasion with respect and reflection across the school next Tuesday.

The children arrived at school today very excited for the annual BPS Society Disco. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for their steadfast commitment to fundraising and organising events that create lasting memories for our children. It is not just our children who sparkle at BPS, it is our whole school community. Thank you.



Wishing everyone a joyful and successful half term.



S Makepeace

Mrs S Makepeace-Taylor
Headteacher



Looking Ahead: Next Week

Thought of the Week

No act of kindness, however small,
is ever wasted

Happy school, Healthy school, Safe school

Girls on Board

Communication Key Dates





NEXT WEEK

At a glance...

WC 10TH NOVEMBER

Y2 REVIEWS will take place this week. Appointments have been rescheduled for the same day and time unless Parents have advised otherwise.

*After School Clubs
cancellations.*

MON

Reception seasonal walk

MONDAY

Y5 Netball
(due to match)

TUES

Remembrance Day

6pm: Y6 Outward Bound Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY

WED

6pm: Y5 Residential Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY

THUR

Anti Bullying - Odd Socks Day
Children in Need Day
(wear Pudsey colours and/or odd socks!)

THURSDAY

FRI

FRIDAY



Citizenship and Charity Captain News

Anti-Bullying & Children in Need Day

Friday 14th November

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is **Power for Good**; a reminder that each of us has the power to make a difference. At BPS, we want everyone to use their power to speak out, support others, and help build a world where kindness wins.

Every year, bullying affects the lives of countless young people, and silence allows it to continue. Together, we can create a community that stands up, speaks out, and takes action – whether that's face to face or online. Real, lasting change starts with all of us, from our playgrounds to Parliament, when we unite our voices for what's right.

As part of our Well-being Championship roles, we, the Citizenship Captains, are encouraging to celebrate being unique and promote individuality as something to be proud of.

To mark the week, we asking our community to wear Odd Socks on Friday 14 November.

We will be hosting a Catwalk **ODD SOCK Fashion Show** on Friday during lunchtime (12pm) in the Sports Hall. Come along, wear your odd socks, and show off your individuality!

There will be prizes for the best performances across different age ranges - come and join in, have fun, and let's use our Power for Good to make kindness shine at BPS.

Y6 Citizenship Captains



BBC Children in Need

Supporting Children in Need helps children in our local communities and across the UK who are facing challenges such as poverty, illness, or disability.

The money raised helps them to grow, be happy, and reach their full potential.

Children in Need also supports local projects that give young people chances to learn new things, make friends, and feel part of their community. These projects have an immense impact on the young people that they support and help to boost well-being, build confidence, and give children a brighter future.

We will joining in by asking everyone to **wear something spotty or something in Pudsey's colours – red or yellow**, on Friday 14th November.

We're also asking for a minimum donation of £2, which will go directly towards helping children who have had to face some really tough times.

Thank you in advance for your very kind generosity.

Y6 Charity Captains



Autumn Term 2025

Key Dates at a glance

November



Why not print and add the Club/Activities that your child/children attend here...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 School opens	4	5 Y5 Residential Zoom	6	7 Y2 Trip BPSS Disco
10 Rec Walk	11 Class Reps Y6 Outward Bound Zoom - 6pm	12	13	14 Anti Bullying/Odd Socks/ Children in Need
17	18 Open Morning - Prospective Parents	19 Y5 Trip	20	21
24	25	26	27 Y4 Trip	28 Prep Theatre trip

MONDAY
Y1 & Y2 Dance
(Y5 Netball)
Y2 Art
Y3 Baking

TUESDAY
Y1 & Y2 Yoga
Y5 & Y6 Chamber Choir
Y3 Baking

WEDNESDAY
Y3 - Y6 Multi Sports
Y3 - Y6 Choir
Y3 - Y6 Art
Rock Band

THURSDAY
Y6 Netball
Y1 - Y6 Drama
Y3 - Y5 Street Dance
Y1 & Y2 Recorder Club

FRIDAY
Y3 - Y6 Yoga
Y3 - Y6 Full Orchestra
Y1 -Y6 Mandarin

December

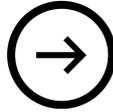
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4 EY Xmas concert 1.30pm Y1 & Y2 concert 2.30pm	5 Eco Day
8	9 Y3 & Y4 Xmas Show 2.30pm	10 Lower School trip	11 Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert St Mary's Church	12 Xmas Jumper Day Xmas Lunch
15 Hannukkah	16	17	18 BPSS Xmas Fair	19 School Closes

FOLLOW US 





MRS. ABBEY'S LUNCH



WC 10.11.25

MONDAY



*Veggie or Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Broccoli
Blueberry Muffins*

TUESDAY



*Veggie or Pork Sausage Rolls, Mashed Potato
Baked Beans and Carrots
Sorbet*

WEDNESDAY



*Baguettes with a selection of fillings
Olives and Salad Bar
Oak Cookies*

THURSDAY



*Veggie or Chicken Fajitas
Sweetcorn
Fruit or Yoghurt*

FRIDAY



*Veggie or Fish Fingers, Potato Wedges
Peas
Lemon Shortbread*

Salad Bar available each day

Health and Safety Notice

Please cut grapes in half - length-ways or in quarters

BPS is a nut and sesame seed free school



Please note, due to manufacturing processes, some products used in the school kitchen state 'may contain nuts/sesame'.

Fruit and yogurt are available daily as an alternative to desserts. All our food is made using the finest quality produce, suppliers include Taylor's of Sale (Butchers) and 'Bettaveg'.

BPS SOCIETY NEWS

Christmas Wreath-Making Evening – In Support of the New Playground Fund!

The BPS community is invited to wonderfully festive evening hosted by local florist Bloom and Gorgeous Flowers, where you'll create your very own **12" scented Christmas wreath** to proudly hang on your front door throughout the season.

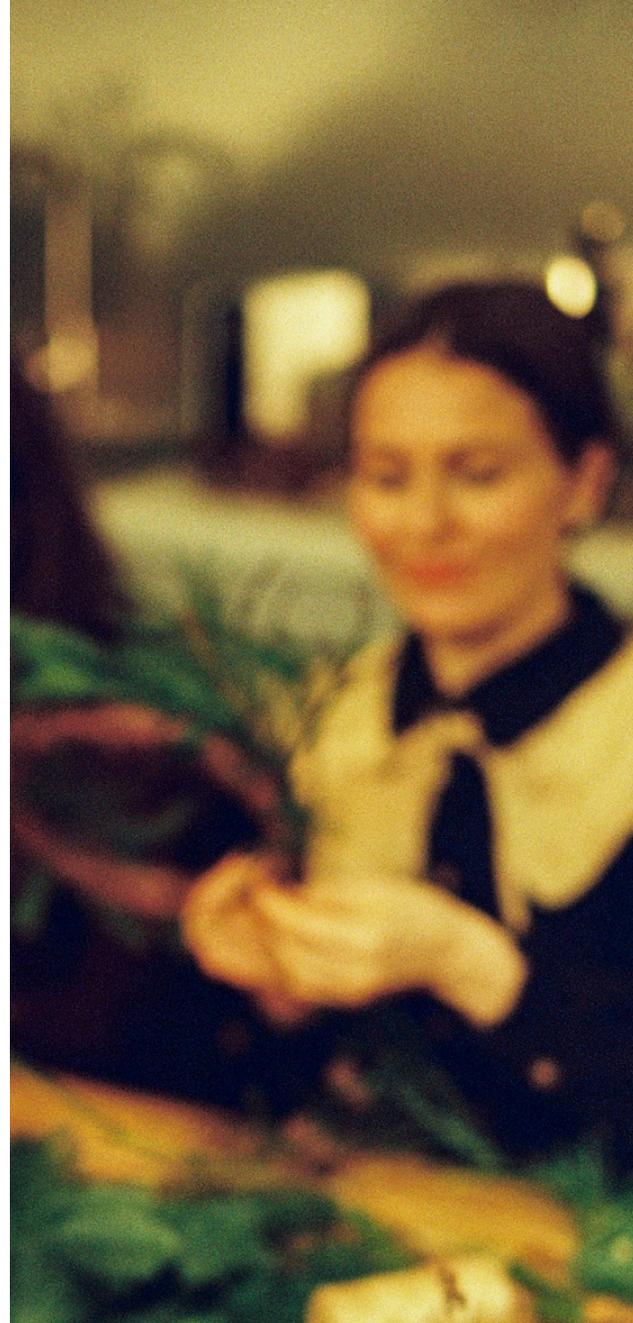
Using British foliage and decorations on a willow base, all materials are compostable – making this a sustainable and stylish way to celebrate.

You'll receive all tools, materials, and expert tuition, ensuring a relaxed, hands-on experience perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit. Not only will you leave with a beautiful handmade wreath, but you'll also be helping raise funds for our school playground!

27 November 2025

School Hall

£45 - Parent Pay



BPS UNIFORM

The BPS Society sell pre-loved uniform throughout the academic year with all funds raised going towards our School. Please contact the School Office if you have an enquiry

To **purchase new uniform**, the BPS Uniform Shop will be open this week on;

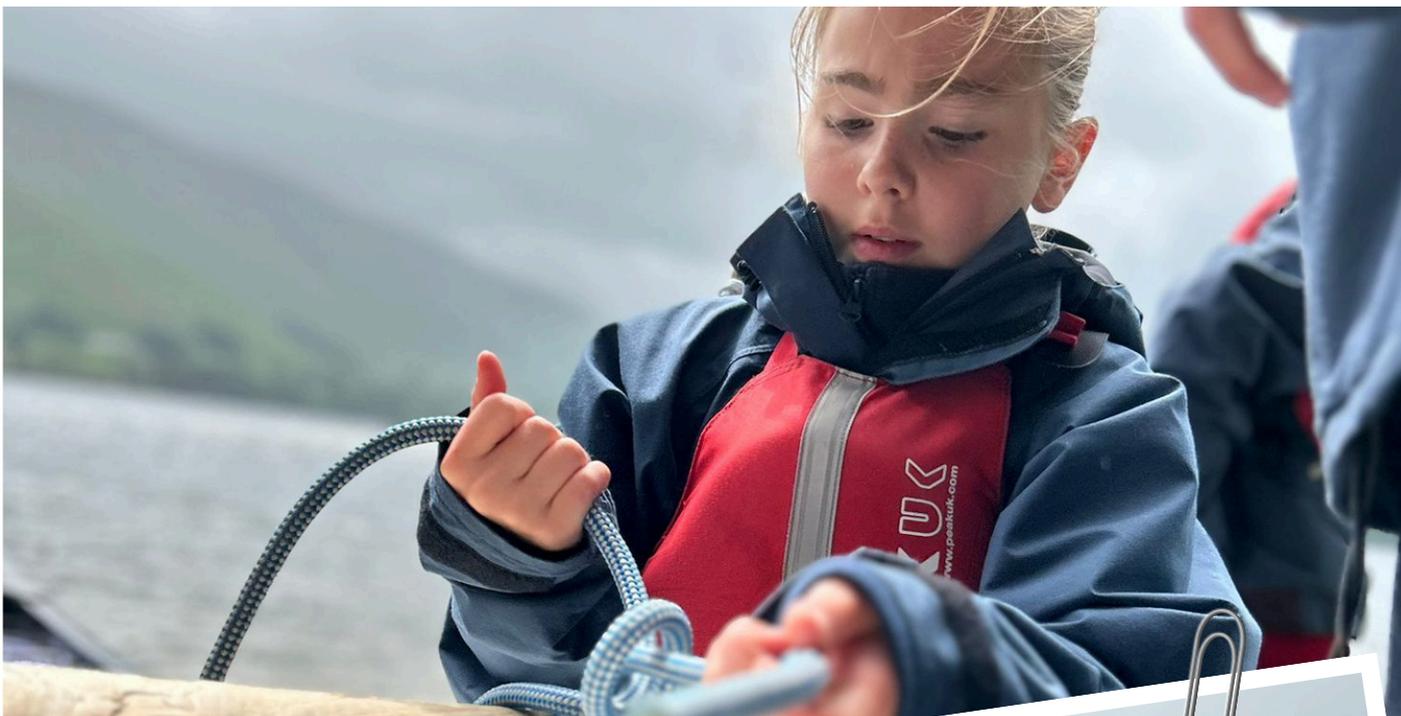
Tuesday 11 Nov: 8.10–9am

Thursday 13 Nov: 8.10- 9am

You can email victoria@pwschoolwear.com to arrange a fitting appointment or you can purchase online (local delivery is free)

<https://www.pascoeandwillis.com/bowdon-preparatory-school>.
Password: BPS24





RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENING: YEAR 5 & 6



**Year 6 Outward Bound Information Meeting
Parents and Girls: Tuesday 11 November
6pm via Mrs Hughes's Zoom Code**

**Year 5 Residential Meeting - Parents and Girls:
Wednesday 12 November
6pm via Mrs McGrath's Zoom Code**



ISA STEM COMPETITION

YEAR 5 & 6

Your task: Design and build a self-sustaining terrarium

A terrarium is a sealed transparent container that contains plants (like a mini- garden) Self-sustaining means the garden can continue in a healthy state without outside assistance (including watering it) You will need to think about how the plant will 'water' itself and get nutrients from the material it is 'sown' in.

Which plants are fairly easy to look after. You will also need to include a PDF presentation to Introduce your design and explain how you created the terrarium. You will also need to identify what factors you needed to consider and include photographs of the terrarium at different stages of production, showing you involved in its production.

Finally, you will need to show photographs of the finished terrarium. Any video clips should be no longer than 2 minutes and should be embedded in the presentation.

YEAR 3 & 4

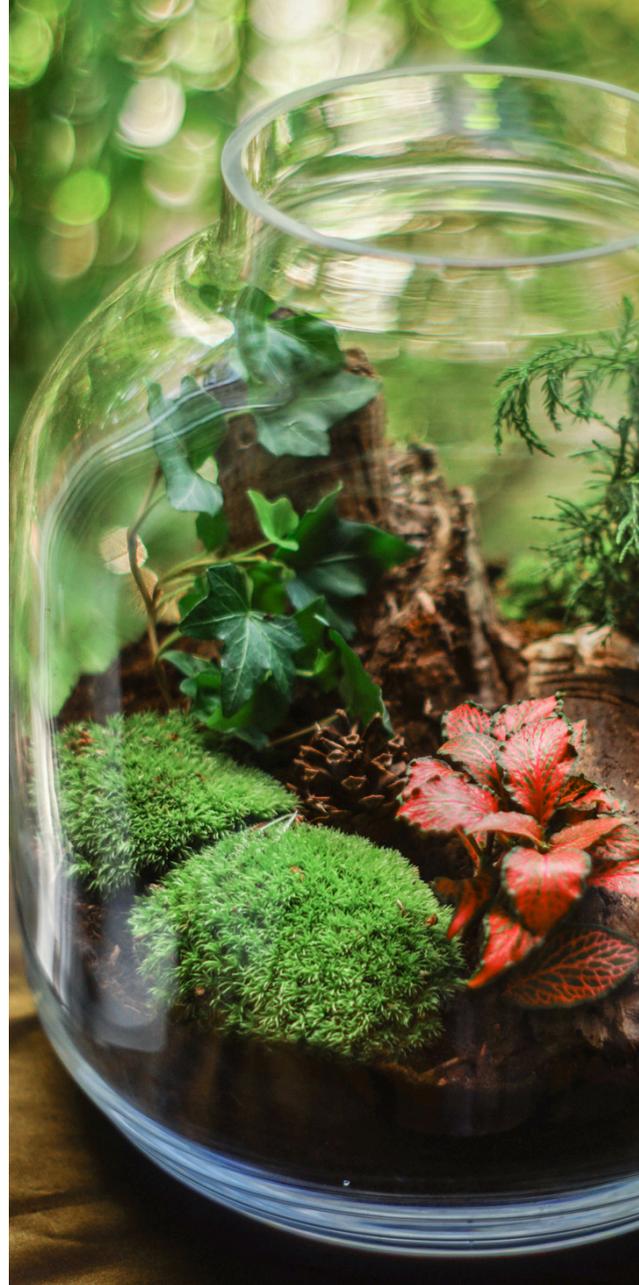
Your task: Could you build and design a rollercoaster for a marble?

Put your creativity and engineering skills to the test! Use ramps, loops, and twists to construct an exciting track that safely carries a marble from start to finish. Experiment, problem-solve, and see how thrilling you can make the ride!

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for entries is 12th December 2025. We will submit 4 entries online in January. The Final will be on 19th March 2026 and successful candidates will be asked to present their project to the judges. Good Luck!

Mrs. McGrath





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BOWDON SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS AT JOHN LEIGH PARK!

During the half-term break, on Saturday 18th October, ten spirited BPS athletes took to the course at John Leigh Park for the first cross-country race of the season. Braving the undulating terrain and autumn air, every girl gave her absolute best, demonstrating wonderful determination, teamwork, and school pride.

We are delighted to share some outstanding individual results among a competitive field of 75 runners:

- 4th place – Lola Tomlinson
- 11th place – Claudia Haussels
- 16th place – Annie Sell

These superb achievements reflect the girls' commitment and resilience—well done!

We now look ahead with excitement to the second race on Saturday 8th November, and wish all our runners the very best of luck.

Congratulations to everyone who took part—your hard work and enthusiasm continue to make BPS proud!



Mrs Baxter Helps Cheshire to National Runner-Up Finish!

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic sporting success of Mrs Baxter, who spent part of the half-term holiday competing in the LTA County Tennis Finals in Southampton.

Representing Cheshire in the Over-40s team, Mrs Baxter and her teammates delivered an outstanding performance, finishing as runners-up after a very close 3–2 match against Middlesex.

This impressive result marks the end of a full season of competitive matches, with the Cheshire team finishing second in the entire UK – a remarkable achievement!

We congratulate Mrs Baxter and the Cheshire Over-40s team on their dedication, determination, and success. What a wonderful role model for our pupils – well done!



Grit, Goals & Great Play: Bowdon Netballers Impress vs Broadheath

On Tuesday, some of our talented Year 5 and Year 6 netballers stepped onto the court in true autumn style—grey skies, steady drizzle, and plenty of determination! The weather was no match for our girls, who embodied Bowdon spirit, displaying resilience, teamwork, and impressive skill throughout their matches against visiting teams from Broadheath Primary School.

Our Year 5 team played with confidence and flair, securing a well-deserved 3–1 victory. Their sharp passing, focused defending, and excellent on-court communication proved key to their success.

Meanwhile, the Year 6 team faced a fast, skilful opposition in a thrilling, end-to-end game. Although they were narrowly defeated 6–2, the girls showed tremendous perseverance, courage, and superb sportsmanship from start to finish.

A huge congratulations goes to Elsie and Eloise, who were awarded Players of the Match for their exceptional performances and admirable leadership on court.

Following the fixtures, we were delighted to receive a heartfelt message from the Broadheath staff, expressing their gratitude for the warm hospitality shown by our PE team. They shared how much their players and parents enjoy visiting Bowdon Prep, and how valuable these competitive fixtures are for their development – a wonderful reflection of the positive sporting relationships we continue to build.

A huge well done to all our players for representing BPS with such pride. Rain or shine, you make us proud!

“Our girls showed incredible resilience and teamwork. We are tremendously proud of their spirit, skill, and sportsmanship – whatever the weather!”

Mrs. Hughes

Mrs. Hughes
Head of Sport
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



UPCOMING FIXTURES

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT CROSS
COUNTRY MEETING AT JOHN LEIGH
PARK - MEET MRS HUGHES AT 9.45AM
FOR THE FIRST RACE AT 10.00AM

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

YEAR 5 & 6 INTER YEAR NETBALL
MATCH (HOME)

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

YEAR 6 A, B & C V SCARISBRICK HALL
(HOME) - 1.45PM START



***BELIEVE. PERSEVERE.
SUCCEED.***

Staff of the Week

Each week, the School Council present this prestigious award during the Celebration Assemblies



Mrs Oakley

A huge thank you to the fabulous Mrs Oakley. You are always so kind and caring to us all. We enjoy all of your lessons and seeing your lovely smile each day.

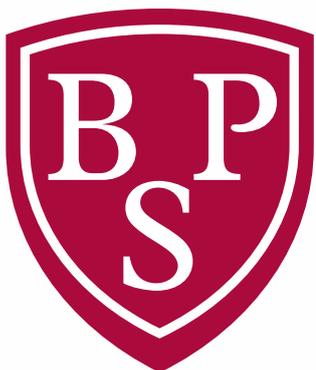


Mrs Howard

Mrs Howard, thank you for being such a wonderful class teacher. We learn so much from you and know how much you care for us. Thank you for all you do.



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